

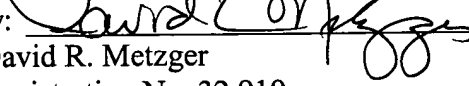
REMARKS

Claims 1-26 were pending in the above-identified application, of which claims 6-9, 11-12 and 24-26 were withdrawn. Claims 1-5, 10, 13-19, 22 and 23 were rejected. Claims 20 and 21 were objected to. However, the Examiner stated that claims 20 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner rejections of claims 1-5, 10, 13-19, 22 and 23, applicant has cancelled these claims and amended claims 20 and 21 to be in independent form so that the present application can proceed to issue.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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